GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS
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Availability of Urea
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Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

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(a) whether sufficient quantity of urea is available in the country at present and the farmers are getting supply of urea and other fertilizers in the country in adequate quantity;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the benefits of neem coated urea introduced in the country;

(d) whether neem coated urea has been effective in checking the black marketing of urea and one of the reasons for availability of urea in sufficient quantity is neem coating of urea;

(e) if so, the details thereof; and

(f) the quantum and value of urea saved vis-a-vis neem coated urea from black marketing?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT & HIGHWAYS, SHIPPING AND CHEMICALS & FERILIZERS

(SHRI MANSUKH LAL MANDAVIYA)
(a) & (b): Yes Madam, the availability of fertilizers namely Urea, DAP, MOP & NPK has been sufficient in the financial year 2016-17. The availability of Urea in the country was 308.10 LMT against the sales of 296.00 LMT. Similarly, availability of P&K (DAP, MOP & NPK) fertilizers was 215.19 LMT against the sales of 203.01 LMT during this period.
(c): Department of Agriculture, Cooperation & Farmers Welfare (DAC&FW) was entrusted to conduct a study to determine the impact of Neem Coated Urea. The interim report prepared by Agricultural Development and Rural Transformation Centre (ADRTC), Bengaluru has been submitted by Department of Agriculture, Cooperation and Farmers Welfare (DACFW). The brief findings of the study are as follows:

i. Improvement in soil health.

ii. Reduction in costs with respect to plant protection chemicalsâ€¢

iii. Reduction in pest and disease attack.

iv. An increase in yield of paddy, sugarcane, Maize, Soybean and Tur/Red Gram to an extent of 5.79%, 17.5%, 7.14%, 7.4% and 16.88% respectively.

v. Diversion of highly subsidized urea towards non-agricultural purposes is negligible after the introduction of the mandatory policy of production and distribution of only Neem coated urea.

(d), (e) & (f): The availability of Urea (neem coated) was sufficient due to various reasons like enhanced production (over last couple of years), timely imports, mandatory neem coating (which has various effects as explained above in para c) etc. Thus, the good availability of Urea had an impact on curbing of black marketing. The quantum and value of Urea saved vis-a-vis neem coated Urea from black marketing can't be quantified.

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